GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH
ABSTRACT

Public Services – Endowments Department – Sri M.Raghunath, former Deputy Commissioner, Guntur -- Departmental action initiated for the irregularity noticed in the Udasi Mutt, Guntur – Inquiry ordered – OA No.7218/2007 and 7084/2007 filed by Sri M.Raghunath, JCED – Government filed W.P.No.1704/2013 – Hon'ble High Court Orders dt.23.04.2018 – Implemented - Further action dropped – Orders – Issued.

REVENUE (VIGILANCE-IV) DEPARTMENT

G.O.RT.No. 926 Dated: 03-07-2018

Read the following:

1. From the GA (V&E) Dept., Vigilance Report No.74 (C.No. 2790/V&E/D3/2005, dated 26-07-2006.
2. G.O.Rt.No.2140, Revenue (Vigilance-IV) Dept., dt.28-09-2006.
3. Explanation of Sri M. Raghunath, JCED dt.09.11.2006.
4. G.O.Rt.No.712, Revenue (Vigilance-IV) Dept., dt.09-04-2007.
5. Orders of APAT dt.22.08.2008 in OA No.7218/2007 and 7084/2007 filed by Sri M. Raghunath, JCED.
6. U.O.Note No.38992/Vig.IV(1)/2006, dt.22.09.2012.
7. Orders of Hon'ble High Court dt.23.04.2018 in W.P.No.1704/2013 filed by Government.

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ORDER:

Whereas in the reference 1st read above, the Director General, Vigilance & Enforcement had submitted a report stating that certain irregularities have taken place in disposing the OA No.46/1987 filed before the Deputy Commissioner, Guntur in restoration and protection of 87 Acres of Udhasi Mutt land situated at Guntur District and recommended to initiate departmental action against nine Charged Officers of Endowment Department, who are responsible for the above irregularity. Sri M. Raghunath, formerly Deputy Commissioner Endowments Department, Guntur is one of the Charged Officers.

2) Whereas the Government after examining the matter have initiated departmental action against Sri M. Raghunath, formerly Deputy Commissioner Endowments Department, Guntur for the irregularities noticed against him vide references 2nd read above. In reply, Sri M. Raghunath, formerly Deputy Commissioner Endowments Department, Guntur has submitted his written statement of defence and requested to drop further action against him.

3) Government, after examining the matter, have entrusted the case to Commissioner of Inquiries i.e., Prashantha Mahapatra, IAS., for enquiry on the charges framed against the Endowment Officials involved in the case.

4) Sri M. Raghunath, Joint Commissioner Endowments Department has filed O.A.No.7218/2007 and 7084/2007 in the Hon'ble Andhra Pradesh Administrative Tribunal challenging the charges framed by the Government. In reference 5th read above, the Hon'ble Andhra Pradesh Administrative Tribunal have set aside the charges framed against Sri M. Raghunath, formerly Deputy Commissioner Endowments Department, Guntur. Aggrieved, Government have filed WP No 1704/2013 in the Hon'ble High Court.

5) In the reference 6th read above, Government have informed the Commissioner of Inquiries i.e., Prashantha Mahapatra, IAS., that the Hon'ble Andhra Pradesh Administrative Tribunal in its orders dated 22.08.2008 have set aside the charges framed against Sri M. Raghunath, formerly Deputy Commissioner Endowments Department, Guntur.

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6) In the reference 7th read above, the Hon'ble High Court has ordered as follows:

"On the above analysis, this court finds no error in the orders passed by Tribunal holding that the charges framed against the respondent-applicant were completely bereft of application of mind and were unsustainable on the admitted facts, requiring no further enquiry.

The writ petition is therefore devoid of merit and is accordingly dismissed. Pending miscellaneous petitions shall also stand dismissed. No order as to costs".

7) Government, after careful examination of the matter keeping in view of the orders of Hon'ble High Court, have decided to implement the orders of Andhra Pradesh Administrative Tribunal, dt.28.08.2008 in O.A.No.7218/2007 and 7084/2007 and drop further action against Sri M. Raghunath, formerly Deputy Commissioner Endowments Department, Guntur.

8) Accordingly, Government hereby order to implement the orders of Andhra Pradesh Administrative Tribunal, dt.28.08.2008 in O.A.No.7218/2007 and 7084/2007 and drop further action against Sri M. Raghunath, formerly Deputy Commissioner Endowments Department, Guntur.

9) The Commissioner of Endowments shall take further necessary action in the matter accordingly.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

MANMOHAN SINGH
SPECIAL CHIEF SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT

To
Sri M. Raghunath, formerly Deputy Commissioner Endowments Department, Guntur presently working as Executive Officer, Penuganchiprolu, Krishna District (through The Commissioner of Endowments, Andhra Pradesh, Vijayawada).
The Commissioner of Endowments, Andhra Pradesh, Vijayawada.
Copy to :
The Secretary to Vigilance Commissioner, Andhra Pradesh Vigilance Commission, Secretariat Buildings, Velagapudi.
The General Administration (Commissioner of Inquiries) Department.
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//FORWARDED :: BY ORDER //

SECTION OFFICER